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ABC, ONTARIO POLICE ARREST THIRTEEN FOLLOWING FOUR MONTH INVESTIGATION

ONTARIO— On February 10, 2006, Investigators from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and Ontario Police Department arrested seven individuals at Los Amigos, 711 S. Euclid Avenue and six individuals at La Aguila, 305 N. Mountain Avenue, both in Ontario. The actions were taken following a four month undercover investigation concerning the illegal solicitation of alcoholic beverages.

On three separate occasions during the course of the investigation, undercover Investigators were solicited by female employees to purchase them alcoholic beverages at each location. The solicitations are a violation of Section 303(a) of the Penal Code. Investigators also arrested employees for allowing the solicitations to occur in violation of Section 25657(b) of the Business and Professions Code.

In addition, a parolee at large who was a patron of Los Amigos, was taken into custody. He was wanted by authorities in Texas for the past three years and was considered armed and dangerous.

The ABC will bring disciplinary action against the owners of Los Amigos and La Aguila. The penalty could be a revocation of the license. "This helps build a safer and stronger community," said ABC Director Jerry Jolly. "We're grateful to the Ontario Police for their efforts and cooperation."

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

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